

1       A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of  
2 Veterans Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's  
3 United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval  
4 and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans' medical center in Radcliff,  
5 Kentucky.

6       WHEREAS, throughout the history of the Commonwealth, its sons and daughters  
7 have answered the nation's call to military service and have traversed the globe in defense  
8 of this great country; and

9       WHEREAS, Kentucky's veterans deserve all of the respect and admiration for their  
10 service that can be mustered, and in doing so the Commonwealth has an obligation to  
11 ensure access to the best-quality healthcare available; and

12       WHEREAS, Hardin and surrounding counties have a veteran population of over  
13 35,000; and

14       WHEREAS, Ireland Army Hospital is being reorganized as a "super clinic" and will  
15 no longer provide emergency room, inpatient, or surgery services for the military service  
16 members and veterans in the Hardin County area; and

17       WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs plans to replace the  
18 aging Robley Rex Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky; and

19       WHEREAS, the city of Radcliff is offering to donate 50 acres of a vacant 147-acre  
20 parcel as a site for the long-planned replacement Veterans Medical Center; and

21       WHEREAS, Radcliff's proposed site has the advantage of being close to Fort Knox  
22 and the Radcliff Veterans Center nursing home facility; and

23       WHEREAS, Radcliff's proposed site would provide access to all veterans in the  
24 region, being in close proximity to Highway 31W, Interstate 65, KY 313, the Western  
25 Kentucky Parkway, the Bluegrass Parkway, and the Patriot Parkway; and

26       WHEREAS, an environmental study for the site has already been completed;

27       NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

3       ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly does hereby urge the United States  
4 Department of Veterans Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth, and Kentucky's  
5 United States Congressional delegation to take the necessary actions to get the approval  
6 and funding for the construction of a veterans' medical center in Radcliff, Kentucky.

7       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to  
8 transmit copies of this Resolution to Governor Matthew Bevin, 700 Capitol Avenue,  
9 Suite 100, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; the acting Secretary of the United States  
10 Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20420;  
11 Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, 317 Russell Senate Office Building,  
12 Washington, D.C. 20510; Senator Rand Paul, 167 Russell Senate Office Building,  
13 Washington, D.C. 20510; Representative Andy Barr, 1427 Longworth House Office  
14 Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Representative James Comer, 1513 Longworth  
15 House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Representative Thomas Massie, 2453  
16 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Representative Brett Guthrie,  
17 2434 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515; Representative Harold  
18 Rogers, 2406 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and  
19 Representative John Yarmuth, 131 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C.  
20 20515.